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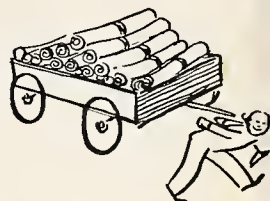
*With Christine & Chet Chester*

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Chester High School  
North Manchester, Indiana

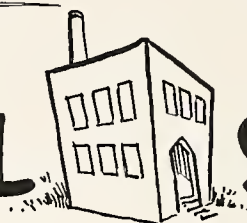
MEET CHRISTINE



AS THEY BRING



YOUR SCHOOL



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THE HARVEST



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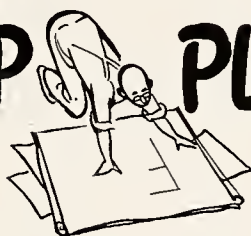


TOGETHER





ND CHET CHESTER  
ARVEST TIME TO  
NG THE CROP PLANNERS  
UN OF THE HUSKING BEE  
O MAKE A SUCCESSFUL YEAR





COME ! !

Join Christine and Chet Chester as they take part in the clubs, teams, classes and other activities that go on during a school year at Chester High School.

The years spent at Chester are full years with happy associations that make indelible impressions on all who enter her halls.

# Dedication



Because of the lasting inspiration that the 4-H Clubs and the Future Farmers of America give to the young people of this community, we, the Class of 1947, dedicate this edition of *Ravelings* to these organizations.

*Head*

*Hands*

*Heart*

*Health*







## Planters & Overseers

Todd Schroll ..... Associate Editor  
 Miss Walther ..... Adviser  
 Ralph Kester ..... Editor  
 Bob Miller ..... Business Manager  
 Mr. Smith ..... Adviser

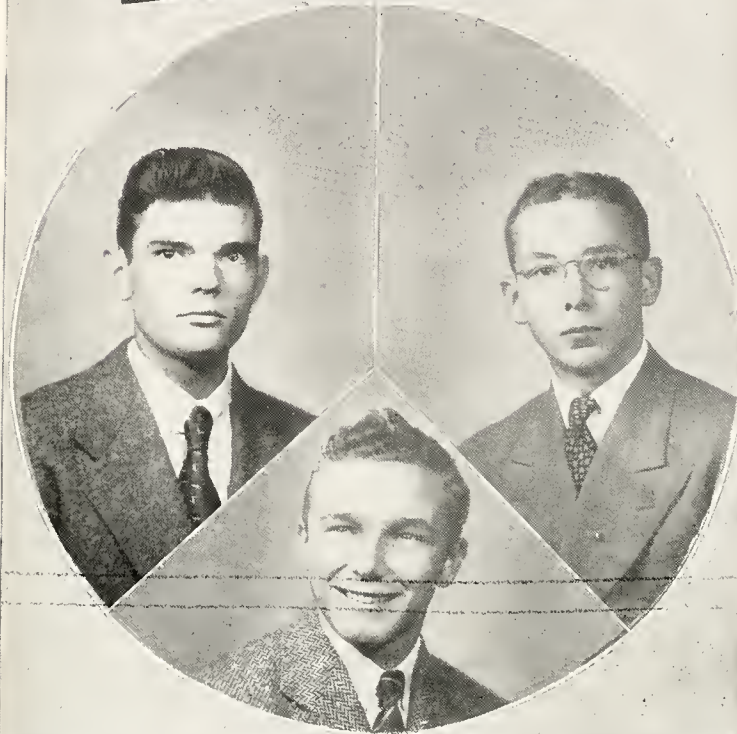
## Planters

Ralph Kester  
 Todd Schroll  
 Bob Miller

## Harvest Hands

FIRST ROW—Willodean Pottenger, Todd Schroll, Ralph Kester, Bob Miller, Miss Walther

SECOND ROW—Marily Warren, Bonnie Workman, Lynn Bollinger, Leigh Jackson, Eva Rhoades, Gladys Greer, Charles Tackitt, Max Lefforge, Bill Runkel, Elaine Helvey.



# Crop Planners







KARL L. ULMER

Mr. Ulmer became trustee of Chester Township on January 1 of this year. He has long been active in community affairs and has shown a strong desire to study the needs of Chester and to do his part in expanding and improving the facilities of the schools.

Mr. Vandegrift has been Wabash County Superintendent of Schools for the past ten years. He received his A.B. Degree from Manchester College and his M.A. Degree from Ball State Teachers College. He always has a good word for Chester.



CLARENCE L. VANDEGRIFT



JASON J. SMITH



WALTER R. METZGER

Mr. Smith has been principal of Chester for the last three years. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Ball State Teachers College and his Master's Degree from Indiana University. His goal is to promote the continuous improvement of the schools of Chester Township.

On December 31, 1946, Mr. Metzger retired from the office of Township Trustee after eight years of worthy service. He has continued to manifest an interest in the schools and is usually present at all activities.



Mrs. Mary Baker—*A.B. Manchester College*

This small blonde senora who teaches Spanish, Latin, and English, is adviser of the cheer leaders and of the freshman class; enjoys travel and taking kodachrome snapshots.



Mr. Wayne Dilling—*A. B. Manchester College*

Chester scores again! Besides keeping score at the ball games, he teaches commercial subjects, advises Chester Chatter, and freshmen, and trims the boys at ping pong.



Mr. Gerold E. Faudree—

*A.B. Manchester College*

Affectionately called "Doe," and elder brother of Faudree Bros., Inc., he teaches science, coaches basketball, advises the juniors and enjoys golf and fishing.



## Faculty

Miss Ida Eshelman—

*A.B. Manchester College*

Tall dark-haired Miss Eshelman, who hails from Ohio, teaches English, coached the junior play, advised the juniors and Y-teens and writes letters in her spare time.



Mr. Paul Faudree—*A. B. Manchester College*

This dark-haired Faudree brother teaches health, physical education, and social studies, coaches sports, and sings tenor and how!

Miss Betty Gongwer—*A.B. Manchester College*

This small, vivacious, dark-eyed lass teaches English, directed the senior play, advised the seniors, Y-teens, debaters, and Chester Chatter staff and serves as school librarian.



Mr. Harold Leckrone—*B.S. Manchester College*

Director of all bands and twirlers, he also teaches vocal music, advises the eighth grade, and entertains humorously or seriously on the piano.



Mr. Cecil Scribner—*B.A.E. State Teachers College, River Falls, Wis.*

This dark-haired, not-so-tall teacher of vocational agriculture and general science, sponsors 4-H clubs, judging teams, F.F.A. and the sophomore class and watches the clock at ball games.



Mr. John I. Searer—*A. B. Manchester College*

Although he is the oldest in point of service at Chester, don't let that fool you. He knows his dates—history, of course—but he likes and teaches mathematics also.



Miss Leah Stone—

*B.S. Manchester College*

Teacher of vocational home economics, health and physical education, and adviser to 4-H clubs and sophomore class, this fiery-haired teacher is always busy. She enjoys sports both as spectator and a participant.



Miss Bernice Walther—

*B.S. Manchester College*

Artistic but not temperamental is this teacher of art and music, director of girls' glee club and mixed chorus, adviser to the eighth grade and, most important of all, adviser of the Ravelings staff.



Mr. Lee Weimer—*B.S. Manchester College; M.S. Ball State*

This sports enthusiast advises Hi-Y and seventh grade, and teaches mathematics. Wherever there is action, there he is found.



Mrs. Maxine Yentes

This Chester graduate, our very efficient and dependable office clerk, changed her name between school terms.



Mrs. Hester Knull—*Manchester College; Northwestern University*

This well liked teacher offers Bible one day a week to all the elementary pupils of the township.



# The Harvest

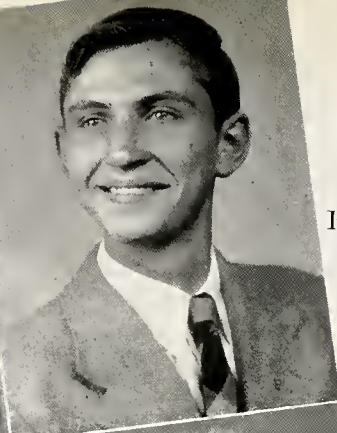


Presenting the Seniors  
and the Underclassmen  
of Chester High

Max Lefforge



Earl Grindle



Gladys Greer



Carole Swihart



## Senior Inventory

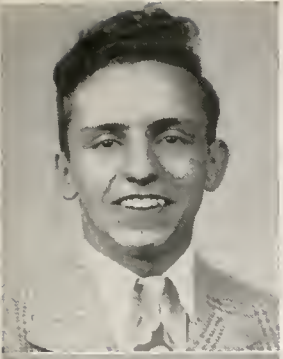
Back in 1943-44, thirty-one deep-green freshmen were enrolled in Chester High School and assigned seats on the west side of the study hall. Class officers elected were President, Jack Pullin; Vice-President, Todd Schrell; Secretary, Willodean Pottenger; Treasurer, Pat Huffman. The advisers were Mr. Dilling and Miss Gongwer.

When school opened in 1944, thirty-one pale-green sophomores answered the roll call under the direction of Miss Stone and Mr. Scribner. Officers for the year were: Bill Runkel, President; Fred Martin, Vice-President; Eva Rhoades, Secretary; Gladys Greer, Treasurer. Four new members entered during the year. They were Bonnie Workman, Carole Swihart, Bob Miller and Ruth Clouser. One member, Opal Branstator, moved to Arizona. Two skating parties were held during the year.

In the fall of '45, thirty-one slowly-maturing students enrolled for their junior year. Bob Ziegler and John Graham joined the ranks, but Lamoine Harrell and Merrill Hobbs moved away. The officers were: Bob Ziegler, President; Bob Miller, Vice-President; Eva Rhoades, Secretary; and Ralph Kester, Treasurer. Miss Gongwer and Mr. G. Fandree were the advisers. Unforgettable events of the year were class rings, selling refreshments at ball games, a three-act comedy "Almost Summer" under the direction of Miss Gongwer, and the Junior-Senior Reception which was the first one to be taken away from the school.

On August 30, 1946, thirty dignified (?) seniors were ready for the harvest. The officers were: Max Lefforge, President; Earl Grindle, Vice-President; Gladys Greer, Secretary; Carole Swihart, Treasurer. Miss Gongwer and Mr. Smith were the advisers. Some of the highlights of the year were: Bonnie Workman and Willodean Pottenger were elected heads of "Chester Chatter." Max Lefforge was chosen captain of the basketball team; a bowling party was held at Wabash; Ralph Kester, Todd Schroll and Bob Miller were elected to head "*Ravelings*"; graduation pictures were received; the class trip to Washington, D.C., was taken; a class play, "*A Little Honey*," was given.

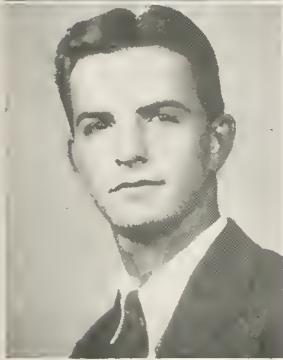




LYNN BOLLINGER



RUTH CLOUSER



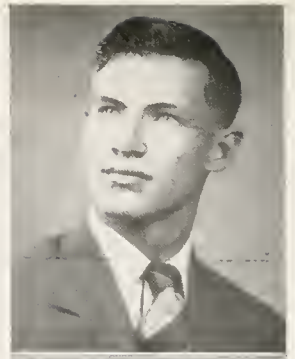
MIKE CORNWELL



CLIFFORD CRIST



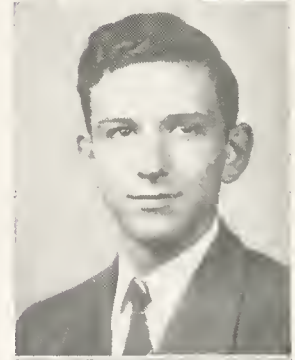
ILEANA FITCH



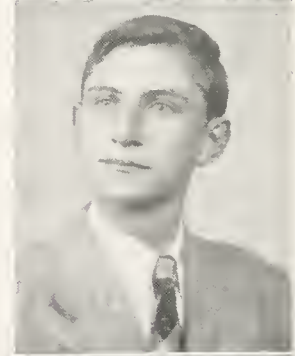
JOHN GRAHAM



GLADYS GREER



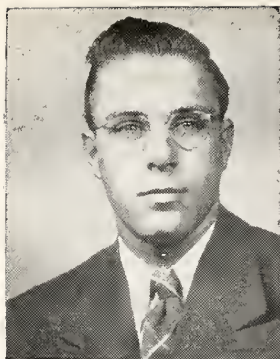
ARTHUR GRINDLE



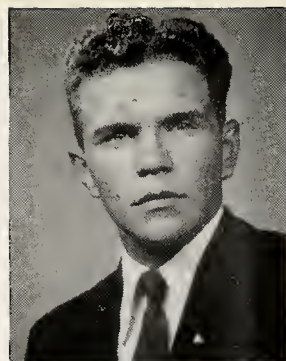
EARL GRINDLE



ANNABELLE HANLEY



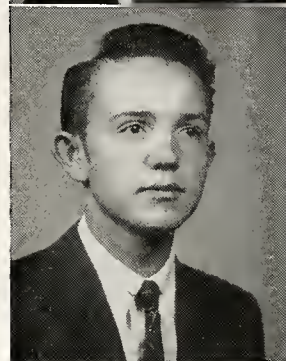
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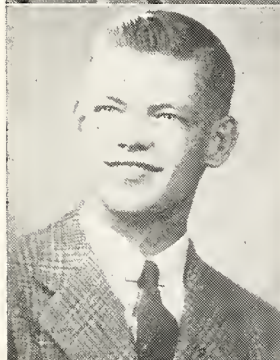
FRED MARTIN



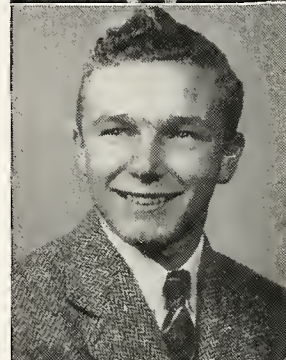
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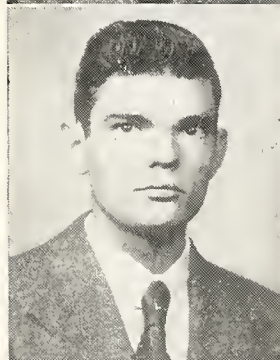
BOB MCFARLAND



LEIGH JACKSON



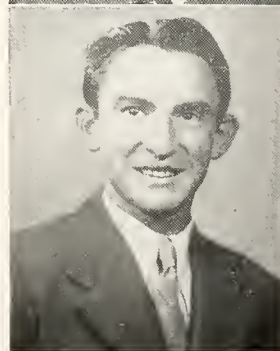
BOB MILLER



RALPH KESTER



WILBUR MILLER

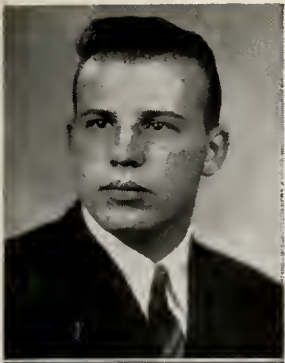


MAX LEFFORGE



WILLODEAN POTTENGER

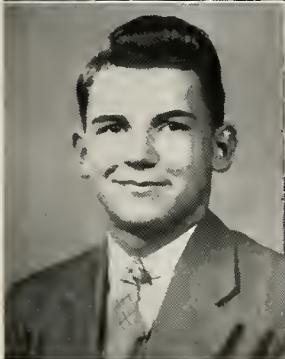




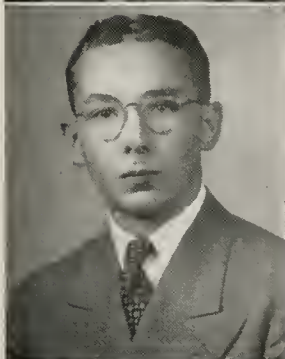
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EVA RHOADES



BILL RUNKEL



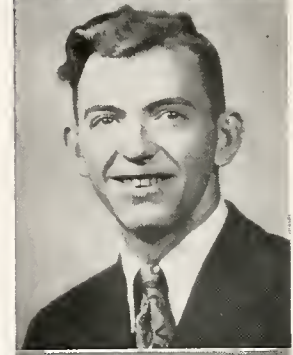
TODD SCHROLL



JOANN SNELL



CAROLE SWIHART



CHARLES TACKITT



MARCELLA TYNER



MARILY WARREN



BONNIE WORKMAN

# Senior Class Directory

LYNN BOLLINGER

*"Happy-go-lucky and full of fun;  
Pep and ability, all in one."*

Entered 4; Hi-Y 4; Mixed Chorus 4; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship Contest 4;  
"A Little Honey" 4; Annual Staff 4.

RUTH CLOUSER

*"Modesty is a virtue by few attained."*

Entered 2; Chester Chatter Staff (Assembler) 4.

MIKE CORNWELL

*"Between the devil and the deep blue sea."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3, 4.

CLIFFORD CRIST

*"What a man needs on a farm is a cast-iron back with a hinge  
in it."*

Hi-Y, 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; "Almost  
Summer" 3.

ILEANA FITCH

*"She speaks fast and free."*

Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4; Chester Chatter Staff (typist) 4.

GLADYS GREER

*"Gladys is the girl with a teasing wink,  
She is clever and quite amusing, we think."*

Glee Club 3, 4; Class Treasurer 2; Secretary 4; Librarian 4; Chester  
Chatter Staff (Reporter 3, Art Editor 4); "Almost Summer" 3; "A  
Little Honey" 4; Annual Staff 4.

JOHN GRAHAM

*"Quiet till you know him."*

Entered 3; Hi-Y 4; 4-H 3, 4.

ARTHUR GRINDLE

*"I can resist everything except temptation."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Baseball 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4.

EARL GRINDLE

*"Studying makes some people wise, but it makes me otherwise."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Junior Band 1;  
Senior Band 1, 2, 3, 4; (Captain 4); Swing Band 4; Yell Leader 4;  
Class Vice-President 4; F.F.A. 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Dairy Judging 2, 3;  
"Almost Summer" 3; "A Little Honey" 4.

ANNABELLE HANLEY

*"A quite girl; at school for the right purpose."*

Class Secretary 2; Latin II Contest 3.

WILLIS HAUPERT

*"All I have learned, I have forgotten;*

*All I know, I have guessed."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2; Basketball 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; F.F.A.  
1, 2, 3, 4; (Sentinel 1, 2, 3; Treasurer 4); 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Livestock  
Judging Team 3, 4.

ELAINE HELVEY

*"A smile is worth a million dollars but doesn't cost a cent."*

Glee Club 2, 3; Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4; Chester Chatter Staff  
(typist 4); Annual Staff 4.

LEIGH JACKSON

*"Better late than never, but I must have my morning's rest."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Junior Band 1; Senior Band 1, 2, 3, 4; (Lieutenant 4);  
Swing Band 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 2, 3; 4-H 1, 2;  
F.F.A. 2, 3; Dairy Judging 1, 2; "Almost Summer" 3.

RALPH KESTER

*"Quiet, modest, unassuming;*

*Success for him we are presuming."*

Junior Band 1; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; (Secretary-Treasurer 4); Senior Band 1, 4;  
Boys' Glee Club 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Pepsi-Cola Scholarship  
Contest 4; Class Treasurer 3; 4-H 2, 3, 4; Track 2; Annual Staff (Editor-  
in-chief 4); Algebra Contest 1; Geometry Contest 2; Swing Band 4.

MAX LEFFORGE

*"If I can't buy it, I will invent it."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Band 1; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; (Captain 4); Baseball 3, 4;  
Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 4.

BOB MCFARLAND

*"Talking is always good for one's health and I am healthy."*

Hi-Y 2, 3, 4.

- FRED MARTIN *"I must complain the cards are ill shuffled till I have a good hand."*  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1; Class Vice-President 2; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 3, 4.
- BOB MILLER *"There's always a streak of mischief in every little boy."*  
Entered 2; Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Class Vice-President 3; "Almost Summer" 3; Student Manager 4; Annual Staff (Business Manager 4).
- WILBUR MILLER *"A little backward about coming forward."*  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Boys' Glee Club 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 2, 3; Band 1, 2, 3, 4; Swing Band 4; Junior Band 1; Track 1; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 (Reporter 4); 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Dairy Judging 4.
- WILLODEAN POTTENGER *"I'd like to be a man hater, but I haven't the heart."*  
Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4; Junior Band 1; Senior Band 1, 2, 3, 4; (Treasurer 2, Reporter 3, Sergeant 4); Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; Class Secretary 1; D.A.R. Award 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; "Almost Summer" 3; "A Little Honey" 4; Chester Chatter Staff (Associate Editor 4); Annual Staff 4.
- JACK PULLIN *"Nerer give up until you know you are wrong."*  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4; Class President 1; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Basketball 1, 2, 3, 4; Baseball 1, 2, 3; Track 1, 2.
- EVA RHOADES *"If at first you don't succeed, try, try again."*  
Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4; Glee Club 3, 4; Class Secretary 3; "Almost Summer" 3; "A Little Honey" 4; Chester Chatter Staff (Circulation Manager 4); Annual Staff 4.
- BILL RUNKEL *"That far away look in his eyes."*  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; Track 3; Class President 2.
- TODD SCHROLL *"After man came woman—and she has been after him ever since."*  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4 (Vice President 3, President 4); F.F.A. 1, 2, 3, 4 (Secretary 2, Vice-President 3, President 4); 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Track 1, 2; Basketball 1; Algebra Contest 1; Geometry Contest 2; Student Manager 4; Class Vice-President 1; Annual Staff (Associate Editor 4); Dairy Judging 1, 2, 3, 4.
- JOANN SNELL *"Joann is just a common name, but the 'forties' appreciate this 'Jo' just the same."*  
Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4 (Secretary 4); Glee Club 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1; "A Little Honey" 4; Chester Chatter Staff (Joke Editor 4).
- CAROLE SWIHART *"No career for me; a housewife I will be."*  
Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4; Glee Club 2, 3; Mixed Chorus 3; Class Treasurer 4; Chester Chatter Staff (typist 4).
- CHARLES TACKITT *"If you can't nail it, tack-itt."*  
Hi-Y 2, 3, 4; F.F.A. 2; Track 2; Patrol Cop 3, 4; Dairy Judging 2, 3; "A Little Honey" 4.
- MARCELLA TYNER *"A blush is beautiful but often inconrenient."*  
Girl Reserve 2, 3; Y-teens 4; Glee Club 2, 3, 4; Band 1, 4; "A Little Honey" 4; Chester Chatter Staff (typist 4).
- MARILY WARREN *"A live wire with no short circuit."*  
Girl Reserve 2, 3 (Vice-President 3); Y-teens 4 (President 4); Band 1, 2; Glee Club 2, 3, 4 (Vice-President 3); Mixed Chorus 2, 3, 4; 4-H 1, 2, 3, 4; Debate 4; "Almost Summer" 3; "A Little Honey" 4; Chester Chatter Staff (typist 4); Annual Staff 4.
- BONNIE WORKMAN *"Home is where I stay when I have no place else to go."*  
Entered 2; Girl Reserve 2, 3 (Secretary 3); Y-teens 4 (Treasurer 4); Glee Club 3, 4; "A Little Honey" 4; Chester Chatter Staff (Editor-in-chief 4); Annual Staff 4.



# Last Will and Testament

We the Class of '47, being of sound mind and memory, do make publish and declare this our last will and testament, in manner and form as follows:

## Article I

We bequeath to the Junior Class our seats in the assembly, our well-worn books, and our ability to carry on a conversation regardless of time and place.

We give to the Sophomore Class our strong sense of humor. (Try using it outside of class.)

To those inherently absent minded Freshmen we will and bequeath 100 pairs of non-skid ten-foot stilts so they can be high enough in the air to at least see the tops of the upperclassmen's noses.

To the entire school we give, devise, and bequeath a feeling of peace and relief of mind, occasioned by our graduation, and also a new system whereby tests are made self-answering so that those who follow in our footsteps may be saved the worry that brought untimely gray hairs to the heads of the illustrious members of the Class of '47.

## Article II

I, Lynn Bollinger, bequeath my 140 pounds to that mighty creature, "Perry" Coon.

I, Ruth Clouser, will my ability to turn cartwheels to Charlene Royer.

I, Mike Cornwell, am gonna take it with me.

I, Clifford Crist, will my ability to play the guitar to Don Brindle.

I, Ileana Fitch, will my school books to anyone who has a match.

I, John Graham, will my seat in the assembly to any good looking girl who thinks she can keep Harmon Gradeless company.

I, Gladys Greer, will to Mary Alice Colbert the best known doctor there is for her troubles, and my art work for the Chester Chatter to whoever will be sucker enough to bite.

I, Art Grindle, of strong back and sound sleeping frame, will my ability to stay out nights and sleep in school to the Junior who will take my place in the senior class next year, Bob Johnson.

I, Earl Grindle, will my voice to Mary Alice Colbert so she can sing, "*White Christmas*" a little better next year.

I, Annabelle Hanley, will my A's in deportment to cousin June, so he need never again be ineligible for the basketball team.

I, Willis Hauptert, will my ability not to get lipstick on my shirt collar to Herman Schannep.

I, Elaine Helvey, will my ability to stay out late to the basketball boys.

I, Leigh Jackson, will my ability to write the Senior news for the Chester Chatter to anyone of the Juniors who wants it.

I, Ralph Kester, will my motorcycle to Joe Baker with the hope that he will use both wheels as he goes around corners.

I, Max Lefforge, will my ponderous physique to Charles Gibbs.

I, Bob McFarland, of weak heart and strong mind, will my 142 pounds of bone and muscle to the one who

needs it most, Dick Piper. And may he have better luck with it than I have.

I, Fred Martin, will my ability to get along with the teachers to anyone that doesn't.

I, Bob Miller, will my unruly hair to Mr. Weimer.

I, Wilbur Miller, will my ability to get A's in citizenship to Ben Wright. He needs it.

I, Willodean Pottenger, will my ability to stand up on skates to Dick Piper; I also will him a pillow to put at the place where he needs it most.

I, Jack Pullin, will the front seat of my car to Bob Johnson, the back seat to Dick Piper and the drivers seat to Hugo Hapner so they won't have to walk to Wabash.

I, Eva Rhoades, will my well-groomed hair to Mary Alice Colbert.

I, Bill Runkel, will my ability to get from Central to Chester in two

minutes to anyone who thinks he can do it.

I, Todd Schroll, will my "Chevy" coupe to the Junior boys so they won't have to ride their thumbs to Wabash.

I, Joann Snell, will my ability to stay out of mischief to my brother, Bob, and also my brown hair to Charlene Royer to go with her red sweaters.

I, Carole Swihart, will my ability to be seen and not heard to a mischevous seventh grader, Larry Schenkel.

I, Charles Tackitt, will my ability to run the mile to Ted Coon.

I, Marcy Tyner, will my long hair to any girl who has the patience and pins to put it up.

I, Marily Warren, will my sparkling eyes and dimpled cheeks to Marlene Schroll.

I, Bonnie Workman, will my ability to get to class on time to Bob Little, and my ability to write editorials to anyone who has an imagination.

In witness whereof we do here place our hand and seal this seventh day of May, nineteen hundred and forty-seven, A. D.

The Senior Class of 1947

# Senior Class Prophecy

As I was strolling down Meridian Street one warm summer morning, I met Chet and Christine Chester. They told me they were going to the State Fair and invited me to go along.

We chugged into the fair grounds about 8:00 and started on our tour of the 1962 State Fair.

The first thing we saw was a large elaborate sign saying, "*Kisses for Sale—Two for a Nickel or Three for a Dime.*" Chet, having received his basic training at Chester, made a beeline for the booth. Inside, much to our astonishment, we saw that shy, dark-haired lass, Ruth Clouser doing a bang-up business.

While Chet was pushing his way forward in the line, a handsome young man yelled, "Stop shoving! I saw her first!" It turned out to be none other than Wilbur Miller, the now famous chemist working for DuPont. I reflected that Wilbur had changed some.

Christine caught up with Chet just then and moved him on, forcibly, of course.

We went into the Horticulture Building where we saw some new crop improvements. Chet was especially impressed by the new improved pop corn raised by Clifford Crist. It seems that it grows already popped and sacked and stays "cris" in all kinds of weather.

As we were leaving the building, we bought a newspaper and were extremely relieved to read that Lynn "Muscles" Bollinger had been safely transported back to Alcatraz by that courageous officer, John Graham. Police Sergeant Graham captured the dangerous criminal unarmed and single-handed. It is said that Bollinger was heavily armed with several sling-shots and a beam-shooter that he had learned to use in Chester High School.

Christine pulled the protesting Chet and me into the building where all the food and clothes were on display. We noticed a huge cake elaborately decorated and bearing a blue ribbon. We peeked around the corner and found Willodean Pottenger standing behind it. Willodean told us that this was to have been her wedding cake, but she changed her mind and thought that she might just as well get some good out of it.

Things were beginning to bore Chet so we headed for the Midway. As we were nearing the merry-go-round, we met an ambulance driver whom we recognized as Heana Fitch. Two doctors had Jack Pullin on a stretcher. Heana explained to us that Jack had been thrown from one of the merry-go-round horses when it unexpectedly turned a corner.

We then headed for the building labeled "*1962 on Display.*" There we saw a huge-bodied car which operated on a fuel called H<sub>2</sub>O otherwise known as water. The genius inventor was none other than "Lefty" Lefforge. "Lefty" informed us that as a pastime, he was the assistant coach at Manchester College.

By this time we were hungry. Naturally, we stopped at a hot dog stand for what else can you find at a State Fair? We were astonished to see Willis Hauptert, the manager, who explained to us that he was elected National President of the Future Farmers of America. His office is located at 10th and Broadway, North Manchester, Indiana. Willis also informed us that "Swooner Crooner" Grindle had just accepted a long time contract to sing for Fred Waring's orchestra. The contract calls for \$1 per year. Since perfecting a device for alkalizing the sour notes that come from slide trombones, money is no longer an inducement to him.

During our talk with Willis, we overheard a stirring conversation between "Master" Cornwell and Art Grindle. The two "men" had just had a verbal argument



over who should pay the dime for the "target practice" they had just engaged in. They were shooting ducks.

We started on our way again and whom should we meet but "Queenie" Swihart. Carole informed us that she was in the game of politics at the present time. However, she has her troubles also. She is suing "Comedian" Bob McFarland for \$10,000. It seems that while attending one of his performances, an over-ripe egg aimed at the comedian hit her instead.

Once more we were on our way, and this time we ran into Ralph Kester. Ralph has become the editor and co-owner of the newspaper "*Kilroy's News Flashes*." Ralph informed us that his good friend, "Professor" Jackson, has just signed a contract with Guy Lombardo. Leigh at present is also holder of the title "*Best Ink Spot of America*."

Our next conversation was with the one and only "Chief" Helvey. Elaine told me that she is making herself a career as chief cook and bottlewasher in the Aughinbaugh household. She loves her "work" very much. "Chief" reported to us that "Marcy" Tyner has just received her "dreamboat," that red Buick convertible. When "Marcy" is not driving her new auto, she is secretary to Wayne Dilling, her shorthand and typing teacher back in Chester High School.

We met Gladys Greer with several volumes of her book, "*Advice on How to Lose Friends and Disgust People*." She said she couldn't pass up an opportunity to sell a few copies. Gladys told us that Marilyn Warren has found her long-sought-for friend, "Grow-'em-Taller Tonic." Marilyn is a professional beauty operator in Hollywood.

Our next stop was at the "Swine Barn." There we found "Kaintucky" Tackitt practicing the very delicate art of hog-calling. Charlie started this career just after he graduated from Chester High School back in 1947. Charlie informed us that our old high school pals, "Bobbie" Miller and Fred Martin, have entered into a partnership in the theater business. Recently they purchased the Globe Theater in London in which they offer only Shakespeare drama to an eager public.

Over in the show ring, we observed Todd Schroll tenderly caring for his pet show hogs—Durocs, of course. Bonnie claims that there is a complete understanding between his pets and him. Todd told us that Bill Runkel has finally made a name for himself. Bill, with the help of his loving wife, has finally answered the question of which came first—the egg or the chicken! However, he will not reveal his answer.

On we went on our little journey and whom should we meet but Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hoover. Mrs. Hoover (the former Joann Snell) is a good law abiding citizen of Michigan City. Mr. Hoover is the superintendent of the penal institution there. Joann informed us that Annabelle Hanley is leading a simple but very happy life back in good old North Manchester. Annabelle has taken the position in Chester High formerly held by Miss Betty Gongwer. Annabelle specializes in teaching the famous play, "*Macbeth*."

Finally, we came to the last part of our little sightseeing tour. At a little side show, the two entertainers were those beautiful gals, Eva Rhoades and Bonnie Workman. Our friends were acting out a little skit entitled "*How to Win That Man!*" Yes, you guessed it! Their victim was "Toddy" Schroll. It seems that Bonnie was victor.

We were just preparing to enter the Coliseum when Chet overheard a rumor that a prominent movie house was on fire. With a speed that had brought him so many track ribbons at Chester, he tore from the Fairgrounds with Christine in close pursuit. I was left standing gazing at a slowly settling cloud of dust but happy that I had renewed the acquaintances of long ago.



## "Seedlings of 1929"

FIRST ROW—Lynn, Ralph, Wilbur

SECOND ROW—Earl, Annabelle, Carole

THIRD ROW—Leigh, Max, Bonnie, Clifford

FOURTH ROW—Bob McFarland, Bill, Elaine, Marily, Willodean, Todd, Willis.





**CORNER**—Dick Frantz, Roger Grossnickle, Helen Frantz, Rex Schilling

**FIRST ROW**—Glayds Airgood, Alfred Baker, Liela Bechtold, Donald Brindel, Bob Burch

**SECOND ROW**—Jean Clark, Ethel Coble, Mary Alice Colbert, Ted Coon, Dorothy Cripe

**THIRD ROW**—Harmon Gradeless, Dolores Crist, June Hanley, Richard Hapner, Donald Hyde, Bob Johnson

**FOURTH ROW**—Jean Meek, Robert Metzger, John Morford, Louise Myers, Louise Orr, Wanda Penrod, Dick Piper, Eugene Ritenour

**FIFTH ROW**—Herman Schannep, Mary Lou Schnepf, Marjorie Smith, Martha Smith, Lois Swihart, Robert Walgamuth, Rozella Williams, Bonnie Winebrenner.

**NOT PRESENT**—Bob Little, Pat Schroll.

## Juniors

In September of 1944, forty-three freshmen enrolled at Chester to start off the year. Two parties were held near the school since the freshmen were not allowed to have a party other than at the schoolhouse. The following September the enrollment decreased to thirty-seven. Two parties were held that year; one a hay ride and the other a skating party. In 1946, thirty-eight members enrolled in the Junior class. During the basketball season the class sold refreshments at home games. At the Roann game a cake walk was held. On April 16th a three-act comedy entitled "The Sunshine Twins," was presented under the direction of Miss Eshelman. The Junior-Senior Reception was held at the YMCA in Fort Wayne on May 2nd.

The officers for the year were: President, Richard Frantz; Vice-President, Roger Grossnickle; Secretary, Helen Frantz; and Treasurer, Rex Schilling. The class advisers were Miss Eshelman and Mr. Gerold Faudree.





CORNER—Jack Kissinger, Tom Dillman, Coleen Warren

I—Joe Baker, Barbara Barker, Carl Bechtold, Marie Betten, Louella Blocker

II—Betty Brandenburg, Virginia Brandenburg, Wayne Clark, Morris Cook, Darleta Cox

III—Lois Cunningham, Carolyn Garrison, Marilyn Garrison, Lois Gay, Norma Graham

IV—Pauline Hippensteel, James Klutz, Gene Metzger, Janet Metzger, Ronald Metzger, Donald Mosher

V—John Penrod, George Poer, Bruce Pottenger, Lee Dick Reiken, Theron Rupley, Marlene Schroll, Ann Snavelly, Bob Snell.

## Sophomores

The class of 1949, consisting of thirty-one students, entered Chester High School on August 31, 1946, to start the year off with a bang. In the second semester Charles Gibbs was welcomed as a new member, but he came too late for his picture to appear in "*Rarelings*." Officers elected for the year were: Jack Kissinger, President; Tom Dillman, Vice-President; Coleen Warren, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Stone and Mr. Scribner were the sponsors. The class enjoyed a scavenger hunt in the fall and a skating party during the second semester.



**CORNER**—Danny Jo Fulton, Pat Hathaway, Beverly Steller

**I**—Sue Anger, Peggy Baker, Ralph Bolinger, Lois Bollinger, Wade Bollinger, Marilee Boyer

**II**—Norma Brubaker, Phyllis Brubaker, Kenneth Bucher, Max Bucher, Mary Louise Clark, Robert Coble

**III**—Rosemary Cook, Keith Cripe, Billy Doster, Herbert Ferrey, Billy Holloway, Charles Huffman, Lawrence Keaffaber, Priscilla Kester, Joanne Leckrone

**IV**—Doris Lefforge, Tom McClure, Ted McNabney, Jack Marburger, Max Marbuger, Norma Miller, Malhon Munson, Marilyn Paul, Richard Paul

**V**—Trula Faye Penrod, Richard Reiff, Leon Ritenour, John Rohrer, Gene Royer, Graceanna Royer, Max Schilling, Stanley Schnepf, Connie Spann

**VI**—Marlan Strobel, Charles Swihart, Gilbert Walls, Gary Walters, Robert Walters, Richard Workman, Juanita Young, Sylvia Young, Joan Zimpleman.

## Freshmen

This year the freshman class with its fifty-two members boasts the largest enrollment of any class at Chester. The advisers were Mrs. Baker and Mr. Dilling. Glore Vance joined the class after pictures for the annual were taken, so her picture does not appear. This is also true of Robert Yentes.

The traditional hay ride was enjoyed on September 27 and a Christmas gift exchange was held the Friday afternoon before Christmas vacation.

The officers were: Danny Fulton, President; Patricia Hathaway, Vice-President; Beverly Stellar, Secretary; and Peggy Baker, Treasurer.



ROW I (left to right)—Mary Feters, Anita Schroll, Charlotte Wright, Bonnie Frieden, Agnes Sleighter, Jane Boochee, Dora Betten, Alice Clouser, Ruth Ann Partridge, Melba Jo Dyson, Fannie Shepherd, Carolyn Enyeart.

ROW II—Miss Walther, Harold Frieden, Fred Kling, Joann Poer, Gloria Grossnickle, Esther Frey, Catherine Cook, Martha Fitch, Eugene Penn, Morris Poer, Dorsey Rhoades, Mr. Leckrone.

ROW III—Jim Hammond, James Larrison, Lester Williams, Norman Chamberlain, Lloyd Reiken, Max Richards, Max Cunningham, John Graham, Dean Hapner, Ted Frieden, Robert Littlefield, William Helvey, James Schumaker.

ROW I (left to right)—Mary Ann Gugle, Sally Thimm, Dorothy Airgood, Patsy Hack, Genevia Parsons, Barbara Meyers, Lulu Belle Penrod, Doris Finton, Norma Jean Baker, Nilah Cook, Sara Jane Felter, Joyce Ferry, Carol Littlefield.

ROW II—Tommy Airgood, Russell Coppes, Derwood Coe, John Swihart, Melvin Speicher, Dick Brown, Nancy Knapp, Charlene Royer, Leroy Young, Paul Myers, Everett Coble, Max Kester, Henry Kline, Mr. Paul Faudree.

RCW III—Lee Ray Aughinbaugh, Ross Raber, John Bollinger, Ben Wright, Billy Keaffaber, Elliott Chamberlain, Jimmy Morrissey, Ted Spann, Billy Brandenburg, Harry Tackitt, Larry Schenkel, John Warren, Russell Hapner.



8th  
Grade



7th  
Grade



## 5th & 6th Grades

Richard Baker, Max Frye, Marcus Frie-  
 en, Albert Simms, Richard Purdy, Dean  
 x, Larry Morford, Galen Chamberlain,  
 Tackett, Clarence Houser, Philip  
 avely, Ronald Zimpleman, Jerry Pur-

-Charlotte Smith, Barbara Whittaker,  
 an Penn, Gerry Barker, Beverly Sch-  
 l, Violet Kline, Norma Jean Frey, Lois  
 pner, Barbara Schroll, Marilee Baker,  
 ia Pottenger.

-Michael Leckrone, Robert Messer,  
 rry Baker, Tom Coon, James Clark,  
 rry Frye, Franklin Clark, Delores  
 eer, Carol Walls, Barbara Miller, Pat-  
 ia Wallace, Bennet Kline, Jimmy Ba-  
 r, Mrs. Thrush.



## 3rd & 4th Grades

-Barbara Elkins, Joyce Grossnickle,  
 rry Ellen Snaveley, Marilyn Metzger,  
 rel Grossnickle, Fleceea Speicher, Sue  
 Richards, Marjorie Simms, Fannie Esth-  
 Swihart, Norma Coning, Beverly  
 ckingham, Patricia Leckrone, Dorothy  
 e Lefforge.

-Crucky Carter, Dale Myers, John  
 ark, Carolyn Frantz, Sharon Hapner,  
 ndra Clark, Anita Bollinger, Martha  
 ne, Phyllis Burkhardt, Keith Cook,  
 ck Zimpleman, Jerry Zimpleman, Mrs.  
 eamer.

-Bobby Hapner, Robert Neiller, Nor-  
 n Baker, Jerry Clark, Jackie Baker,  
 d Morford, Dewayne Beery, Max Cox,  
 ndal Walter, Tedd Hathaway, Tommy  
 ul, Maurice Frieden, David Tackett,  
 bby Barker, Billy Whittaker.



## 1st & 2nd Grades

-Sherril Wallace, Nancy Frantz, Alice  
 Whittaker, Karen Bowen, Mary Jane  
 erkle, Rosemary Miller, Nancy Hau-  
 rt, Janet Buckingham, Janene Myers,  
 rolyn Metzger, Laurale Brandenburg,  
 arl Kline.

-James Shanahan, Jerry Carter, Ron-  
 l Miller, Sharon Neher, Sandra  
 oops, Linda Clark, Karen Bollinger,  
 y Richards, Julia Ann Furdy, Millie  
 cckett, Miss Dillman.

-John Nichols, Donald Ray Lefforge,  
 bble Kreamer, Earl Whittaker, Step-  
 n Butterbaugh, Titus Chamberlain,  
 ydie Simms, Lowell Emerick, Merrill  
 amberlain, Jimmy Speicher, Jerry  
 dskey.







## Liberty Mills

I—Marvin Metzger, Gary Keaffaber, Danny Hammond, Tommy Helvey, Dwayne Brubaker, Joe Carson, Quentin Tackitt, Carl Taylor, Charles Shepherd, Tim Derf, Jimmy Roberts, Dewight Ritenour, Dewayne Ritenour.

II—Ann Keaffaber, Linda Morrissey, Ruth Wallen, Diane Sittler, Sue Graham, Geraldine Bradley, Louise Shepherd, Ethel Shephard, Lue Jean Howard, Rosella Shephard, Betty Williams, Margaret Ann Gable, Sue Leonhardt, Jerry Coblen, Lena Mae Shephard.

III—Mrs. Ulrey, Charles Spencer, Ann Mae Helvey, Gail Ritenour, Helen Brubaker, Easter Wallen, Edith Wallen, Janet Watson, Caroline Kling, Patsy Wagemuth, Mertil Rowe, Robert Shephard, Mrs. Bormuth.

IV—John Morrissey, Paul Graham, Jim Kling, Tad Derf, Happy Tackitt, Dick Carson, Frank Rowe, Laymon Howard, Gene Heeter, Mr. Martin.



## New Salem

I—Ralph Penrod, Jerry Raber, Clarence Betten, Clifford Clouser, James Renner, Vernon Schroll, James Crist, Nelson Zinsmeister, Harold Hamman, Harold Finton, Jimmy Finton, Larry Raber.

II—Roberta Vought, Margaret Snyder, Loretta Hubley, Mary Lou Tyner, Doris Young, Marilyn Pratt, Mary Lou Grubbs, Glorcia Hack, Carol Ann Morford, Evelyn Betten, Janet Hubley, Janice Pratt, Shirley Littlefield, Sarah McNabney.

III—Mrs. Hornaday, Donald Snyder, Bernice Young, Marjorie Finton, Phyllis Riple, Susanna Cordell, Shirley Miller, Mary Ferry, Connie Owens, Phyllis Bechtold, Catherine Gemmer, Robert Schumaker, Mrs. Fruit.

IV—Max Tyner, Billy Finton, Donald McNabney, Charles Zinsmeister, George Zinsmeister, Leo Judy, Donald Judy, Mary McNabney, David Hubley, Max Cordell, Jack Sleighter, Gary Jackson, Jay Schilling, Donald Brown.



## Servia

I—Roberta Akers, Mike Walters, Roger Tate, Judith Jordon, James Clevenger, Eugene Davis, Verlinda Clevenger, Dwayne Brubaker, Richard Miller, Larry Grandstaff, Rosalie Klutz, Margie Klutz, Bill Hippensteel.

II—Dick Runkel, Lowell Hoover, Sandy Marshall, Leland Beery, Stanley Hoover, Leo Frieden, Dorcas Davis, Barbara Meyers, Francis Grandstaff, Larry Jordan, Barbara Parsons, Dewayne Klutz.

III—Jimmy Meyer, Edythe Meyer, Fat Grindle, Gerald Meyer, Phyllis Parson, Charles Miller, Dick Shanahan, Shirley Kreightaum, Carol Marshall, Rosalie Bucher.

IV—Janet Workman, Mrs. Gaebler, Ernest Cripe, Alice Mae Brubaker, Grover Davis, Kenneth Workman, Wendell Meyer, Doris Bucher, Bob Keaffaber, Mrs. Swihart, Jane Workman.



# The Husking Bee



Christine and Chet have fun too!  
Woo! Woo!





Left to right: Jim Hammond, Danny Fulton, Mr. Smith, Max Lefforge, Dick Frantz, Ben Wright and Jack Kissinger.

## Student Council

The Student Council is composed of the presidents of the classes. The group meets with Mr. Smith to discuss program and problems related to the school. Taking charge of school assembly programs, planning parties, drawing tourney tickets, and keeping the playground fit for use are only a few of the many things done by the Student Council.

## Librarians

In carrying on the work of the library, Miss Gongwer, school librarian, chooses a corps of helpers from volunteers who are interested in this field. The student librarians have served very efficiently in helping Christine and Chet find their needed books and in keeping the books, magazines and newspapers in order.

**SEATED**—Marjorie Smith, Miss Gongwer, Dorothy Cripe, Lois Swihart, Rozella Williams.  
**STANDING**—Norma Miller, Marlene Schroll, Virginia Brandenburg, Jane Boochee, Mary Feters, Bonnie Winebrenner, Lois Gay, Gladys Greer, Barbara Barker.





I—(left to right) Todd Schroll, Wilbur Miller, Dick Reiff, Ronald Metzger, Ralph Bolinger, John Rohrer, Willis Hauptert, Robert Metzger, Rex Schilling, Richard Paul

II—Max Schilling, Harmon Gradeless, John Moiford, Bob Little, Bob Burch, Jack Kissinger, Earl Grindle, Jack Pullin, John Penrod, Mr. Scribner.

## Future Farmers of America

The officers of the Future Farmers of America are: President, Todd Schroll; Vice-President, Robert Burch; Secretary, Earl Grindle; Treasurer, Willis Hauptert; Reporter, Wilbur Miller; Sentinel, Ray Schilling; Adviser, Mr. Scribner.

The F.F.A. is an organization of boys studying Vocational Agriculture. It tries to develop in a boy a challenge for better leadership, clearer thinking, cooperation, and the desire to be a better farmer.

Meetings are held twice a month during the school year and once a month during the summer. At these meetings talks are made by the members and occasionally outside speakers are brought in to talk about new and better ways of farming.

The activities of the F.F.A. this year included the sale of hot dogs during the noon hour, a pest killing contest with Laketon, gilt projects, preparation of a district F.F.A. news letter, a trip to the International Livestock Show, the initiation of six new green hands, state convention, and the nomination of Robert Burch and Richard Little as candidates for the Hoosier Farmer Degree.





I—(left to right) Max Cunningham, Robert Littlefield, Max Frye, Larry Schenkel, Max Schilling, Ben Wright, Richard Paul, Marcus Frieden, Loren Lee Dale, Tommy Airgood, Robert Graham, Albert Simms, Maurice Frieden, Bobby Messer, Lee Ray Aughinbaugh, Larry Frye.

II—Russell Coppes, Rex Schilling, Harmon Gradeless, Richard Reiff, James Schumaker, Harold Frieden, John Rohrer, Ralph Bolinger, Earl Grindle, Willis Hauptert, Ralph Kester, John Graham, Todd Schroll, Lawrence Keaffaber, Mr. Scribner.

III—Melvin Speicher, John Morford, Robert Little, Gilbert Walls, Richard Workman, Herbert Ferry, Wilbur Miller, Bob Burch, Carl Bechtold, Jack Pullin, Bob Walters, Jack Kissinger, Leigh Jackson, John Penrod, Ronald Metzger, Bob Snell.

## Boy's 4-H

The 4-H Club is a national organization of boys and girls interested in rural activities.

There are two boys' clubs in Chester Township: Chester Hustling Hayseeds and Salem Boys 4-H Club. Meetings are held every three weeks in the homes of members.

The Salem Boys 4-H Club Officers are:	The Hustling Hayseeds officers are:
President ..... Dick Little	President ..... Walter Penrod
Vice-President ..... Willis Hauptert	Vice-President ..... Heinz Deckena
Secy.-Treas. .... Todd Schroll	Secy.-Treas. .... Bill Wright
Leaders—Mr. Scribner and Floyd Kreider	Leaders—Mr. Scribner, Chas. Christman

Some of the things enjoyed by 4-H members are skating parties, 4-H Club Fair, 4-H Camp, 4-H Tours, and the honor of winning ribbons for their achievements.

For 1947, the boys have enrolled in fifteen dairy, four beef, and seventeen sow and litter projects.

Chester Township 4-H Clubs have been the most active clubs in the county. Robert Burch has probably been the most successful individual as far as prizes are concerned. Last year he won \$138 in premium money on his Berkshire litter.



# Girls' 4-H

The Girls' 4-H Clubs were organized to help girls learn to cook, sew, bake, can, and to keep house. The interest is so great in Chester Township that five clubs were formed—each section of the township having one or more clubs. In all the clubs except one, all the enrolled members completed their projects. The clubs with the numbers enrolled and their officers are as follows:

**SALEM**—Fourteen members  
 President ..... Liela Bechtold  
 Vice President ..... Sylvia Young  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Patsy Hack  
 Jr. Leaders—Pat Schroll, Liela Bechtold

**LIBERTY MILLS**—Nine members  
 President ..... Norma Graham  
 Vice President ..... Phyllis Brubaker  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Jerry Coblentz  
 Junior Leader—Norma Graham

**CHESTER SENIORS**—Nineteen members  
 President ..... Bonnie Johnson  
 Vice President .... Willodean Pottenger  
 Secy.-Treas. .... Virginia Brandenburg  
 Junior Leader—Bonnie Johnson

**CHESTER JRS.**—Seventeen members  
 President ..... Esther Frey  
 Vice President ..... Glorea Grossnickle  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Gerry Barker  
 Jr. Leaders—Ruth Wright, Pat Niblett

**SERVIA**—Twelve members  
 President ..... Lois Cunningham  
 Vice President ..... Gladys Airgood  
 Secretary-Treasurer ..... Beverly Steller  
 Junior Leaders—Lois Orr, Dora Deckena,  
 Marlene Schroll, Lois Cunningham

I—(left to right) Lois Cunningham, Lois Bollinger, Joyce Ferry, Juanita Young, Dorothy Airgood, Sara Jane Felter, Carol Walls, Norma Jean Frey, Geraldine Barker, Barbara Schroll, Julia Pottenger, Beverly Schroll, Barbara Miller, Jane Boochee, Phyllis Brubaker

II—Mary Feters, Marily Boyer, Barbara Meyer, Carol Littlefield, Lulu Belle Penrod, Patsy Hack, Mary Ann Gugle, Norma Miller, Marily Warren, Trula Penrod, Norma Graham, Connie Spann, Virginia Brandenburg, JoAnn Leckrone, Esther Frey, Miss Stone

III—Glorea Grossnickle, Anita Schroll, Ann Snavelly, Darletta Cox, Liela Bechtold, Barbara Barker, Pat Schroll, Willodean Pottenger, Beverly Steller, Dolores Crist, Marlene Schroll, Sylvia Young, Gladys Airgood, Louise Orr.





BACK ROW—(left to right) Miss Walther, Dolores Grist, Mary Lou Schnepf, Mrs. Yentes, Pauline Hippensteel, Lois Gay, Ileana Fitch, Carole Swihart, Elaine Helvey, Lois Swihart, Louella Blocher, Marie Betten, Carolyn Garrison, Martyn Garrison, Ethel Coble, Lois Cunningham, Marlene Schroll, Barbara Barker, Dorothy Cripe, Virginia Brandenburg, Janet Metzger, Betty Brandenburg, Coleen Warren, Bonnie Winebrenner, Marcella Tyner, Darleta Cox, Norma Graham, Eva Rhoades, Willodean Pottenger, Ann Snavely, Wanda Fenrod.

STEM OF Y—(back to front) Mary Alice Colbert, Miss Gongwer, Marjorie Smith, Martha Smith, Liela Bechtold, Pat Schroll, Bonnie Workman

FRONT—(left to right) Joan Snell, Marily Warren, Jean Clark.

## Y-Teens

The Y-Teen Club, formerly the Girl Reserve, is a junior division of the Young Woman's Christian Association. Membership is open to all sophomore, junior, and senior girls. The Chester Y-Teens have forty members who have been selling basketball schedule pencils, ice cream bars and greeting cards to raise money for the activities of the year.

The girls entertained their parents at the annual Pa-Ma-and-Me Banquet at the First Brethren Church on February 18 and held a formal banquet in the spring.

At their meetings, held once a month during convocation period, the girls sometimes have informal discussions, "sings," or have outside speakers and entertainers.

# Hi-Y

The Hi-Y is the high school branch of the YMCA. Its purpose is "To create, maintain, and extend throughout the school and community high standards of Christian character." Meetings are held once a month during convocation periods at which time usually outside speakers talk to the group.

This year the boys had a swimming party at Huntington and a Best Girl banquet at the Sheller Hotel. The Hi-Y sold school emblems and T-shirts and joined with the Y-Teens in selling ice cream bars at the noon hour in order to raise funds to finance their program.

President ..... Todd Schroll  
Vice President ..... June Hanley  
Secretary-Treasurer ..... Ralph Kester  
Reporter ..... Bob Little  
Sergeant-at-Arms ..... Max Lefforge  
Sponsors—Mr. Gerold Faudree, Mr. Lee  
Weimer, Mr. Wayne Dilling

CLOCKWISE—Todd Schroll, Max Lefforge, Ralph Kester, Rex Schilling, Robert Walgamuth, Jim Klutz, Lynn Bollinger, Mr. Gerald Faudree, Bob Miller, Bill Runkel, Charles Tackitt, Jack Pullin, Arthur Grindle, Robert Metzger, Lloyd Reiken, Bruce Pottenger, Leigh Jackson, John Morford, Morris Cook, Dick Piper, Dick Frantz, Ted Coon, Bob Burch, Don Hyde, John Graham, Jack Kissinger, Tom Dillman, George Poer, Theron Rupley, Clifford Crist, Mr. Dilling, John Penrod, Wayne Clark, Mr. Smith, Joe Baker, Carl Bechtold, Willis Hauptert, Richard Hapner, Earl Grindle, Pat Schannep, Gene Metzger, Donald Brindle, Wilbur Miller, Ronald Metzger, Don Mosher, Bob Snell, Alfred Baker, Harmon Gradeless, Fred Martin, Bob Johnson, Bob McFarland, Roger Grossnickle, June Hanley, Bob Little.







FRONT ROW—(left to right) Marily Warren, Gladys Greer, Eva Rhoades, Bonnie Workman, Willodean Pottenger, Joann Snell, Marcella Tyner

SEATED—Carole Swihart, Mr. Dilling, Miss Gongwer, Ileana Fitch, Elaine Helvey

BACK ROW—Martha Smith, Wilbur Miller, Liela Bechtold, Pat Schroll, Wanda Penrod, Dorothy Cripe, Doris Lefforge, Leigh Jackson, Janet Metzger, Anita Schroll, Mary Ann Gugle, Bob Little, Charles Tackitt, Ted Coon.

## Chatter Staff

Chester Chatter, the school's bi-weekly newspaper is published by the advanced typing class under the sponsorship of Mr. Dilling and Miss Gongwer. This year marked the second year of its existence. Practically everyone in school was a subscriber.

The staff was organized as follows:

Editor-in-Chief .....	Bonnie Workman
Associate Editor .....	Willodean Pottenger
Circulation Manager .....	Eva Rhoades
Joke Editor .....	Joann Snell
Art Editor .....	Gladys Greer
Advisers .....	Miss Gongwer, Mr. Dilling
Typists .....	Ileana Fitch, Elaine Helvey, Carole Swihart, Marcella Tyner, Marily Warren

Each class and the different school organizations chose reporters who handed in their news on Monday before the paper was issued on Friday. Papers are exchanged with many nearby schools and ideas picked up from these papers to make the Chester Chatter better.

The editor, associate editor, art editor, and circulation manager, together with the advisers, attended the meetings of the Indiana High School Press Association at Franklin College and gave a report to the school both over the "Mike" and through the columns of the paper.



I—(left to right) Leigh Jackson, Tom Dillman, Priscilla Kester, Wilbur Miller  
 II—Ted Coon, Earl Grindle, Mr. Leckrone, Ralph Kester, Doris Lefforge.

## Swing Band

This organization was started in the latter part of the first semester in 1946 with eight members. After several practices a bass was added; then some time later the drums were added. Now there are ten members. This band is under the direction of Mr. Leckrone.

In addition to giving a program for the school, they have entertained a number of local groups. They also furnished the music for the minstrel.

## Debate

This year debating was revived at Chester as an interschool project after a lapse of several years. It is hoped that the experience gained may be valuable for future years.

Leigh Jackson, Tom Dillman, Ted McNabney, Marily Warren





Bonnie Workman, Arthur Grindle, Eva Rhoades, Lynn Bollinger, Joann Snell, Willodean Pottenger, Marcella Tyner, Elaine Helvey, Charles Tackitt, Marily Warren, Gladys Greer, Earl Grindle.

## Senior Play

The play, entitled *'A Little Honey,'* was chosen for our class play this year. It was a comedy in three acts and was written by William Davidson.

In the play Mrs. Minton, (Bonnie Workman) one of those bossy souls who insists on living everyone else's life, taught Diana (Gladys Greer) that the way to interest a man was to be able to talk fluently on subjects dear to a man's heart such as baseball, carburetors and the stock market. Diana tried it—with disastrous results. As she talked, Tom (Earl Grindle) went off to the Pacific without a word about an engagement. Diana was a very unhappy girl and when Tom came back, Mother coached Diana as usual. Tom suddenly developed a previous engagement and left early. Diana was crushed, and then Grandma (Willodean Pottenger) took a hand. It worked for a while. When Tom was practically ready to pop the question, the kid sister, Jerry (Joann Snell), and her heart throb, Albert (Lynn Bollinger), barged in and gave the scheme away. Diana wanted to curl up and die, for, by now, not only had Tom gone, but the whole household was in an uproar. The cook (Elaine Helvey) went on a rampage. A southern widow (Eva Rhoades) tossed her income tax problems in Mr. Minton's (Arthur Grindle) lap, and evidently hoped to toss herself there next. Diana felt that it was now or never with Tom. Nobody else's advice worked so she tried her own ideas—and exploded into a tumultuously funny and appealing scene that raced right up to the final curtain. (P.S. Diana got her man!)

Other members of the cast were: Mrs. Simmons, a *trained nurse*, Marcella Tyner; "Scots" Minton, a *nine-year-old*, Marily Warren; and a "Sure-Shot" man, an *exterminator*, Charles Tackitt.



# Junior Play

"*The Sunshine Twins*" is a comedy based on the troubles of the Robinson family. The Robinson family is composed of Mr. and Mrs. Robinson and their five children, the last two, a pair of darling twins, Connie being altogether the adorable female portion and "*Gabby*" the equally lovable male portion. In the eyes of the latter two, every member of the family is out of step but them. Each presents his own problem which adds to the family's conglomerate unrest. The twins, only fifteen, are ardent believers that a smile makes everything right and while trying to reform the republic in general, do not overlook the fact that a doctrine should begin at home.

They accomplish their purpose finally but not before they have seemingly done all sorts of damage such as getting their father fired from his position, having their socialistic brother set upon by ruffians, smashing their sister's dream of a Hollywood career and inciting their brother-in-law to rebellion against their married sister. These are only incidental happenings as situation after situation arises in which is recognized the machinations of the sunshine twins.

The play opens with a laugh which gradually increases to the crescendo of a roar at the final curtain.

## Cast of Characters.

<i>Connie Robinson</i> .....	Martha Smith
<i>Mrs. Robinson</i> .....	Liela Bechtold
<i>Mr. Robinson</i> .....	Ted Coon
<i>Glenn Robinson</i> .....	Don Hyde
<i>Norma Robinson</i> .....	Pat Schroll
<i>Bebe Prather</i> .....	Dorothy Cripe
<i>Vail Porter</i> .....	John Morford
<i>Mrs. Ellis</i> .....	Helen Frantz
<i>Miss Doyle</i> .....	Jean Clark
<i>Leo Prather</i> .....	Bob Little



SEATED—Jean Clark, Martha Smith, Pat Schroll, Miss Eshelman, Dorothy Cripe, Liela Bechtold, Helen Frantz

STANDING—Rex Schilling, John Morford, Don Hyde, Robert Little.

Absent—Ted Coon



FIRST ROW—(left to right) Earl Grindle, Ann Snavelly, Mary Louise Orr, Lois Cunningham, Priscilla Kester, Max Cunningham, Ben Wright.

SECOND ROW—Wilbur Miller, Ted Coon, Tom Dillman, Virginia Brandenburg, John Morford, Mike Leckrone.

THIRD ROW—Marjorie Smith, Coleen Warren

FOURTH ROW—Joan Zimpfeman, Marcella Tyner

FIFTH ROW—Beverly Stellar, Richard Paul

SIXTH ROW—Mary Alice Colbert, Lois Bolinger

SEVENTH ROW—Barbara Barker, Marilyn Garrison

EIGHTH ROW—Willodean Pottenger, Wanda Penrod, Dorothy Cripe, Liela Bechtold, Doris Lefforge, Gladys Airgood, Bob Burch

NINTH ROW—Carolyn Garrison, Darletta Cox, Melvin Speicher, Pat Schroll, Ralph Kester, John Rohrer.

## Senior Band

The Chester High School Senior Band was first organized ten years ago by Mr. Gerald Miller. It now has an enrollment of 36 members and is under the direction of Mr. Harold Leckrone. Near the end of the year, six members of the junior band were promoted to senior band.

In 1931 under the direction of Mr. Miller, the band placed second in the State Band contest. In 1933, Mr. Robert Schnar became director and while under his direction the band won first division in the State Contest. Mrs. Lois Amiss became director in 1934 and the band received a second division rating at the contest. In 1935 Mr. Leckrone took over the baton and the band came up with another second division rating.

In 1935 the Chester Band Patrons' Club was organized and they started working toward their goal—new uniforms. In the spring of 1936 the uniforms were ordered and received in time for the spring concert.

The band played for the Serbia Big Day during the afternoon and evening of August 31. On October 11 the Concert Band assisted by the Glee Club and several special numbers, presented a fall concert. The next week a Chester-Central combined band played for a Republican rally at Manchester college.

On October 20 the Band Patrons sponsored a Halloween carnival and on March 7 they sponsored a minstrel show.

The band marched and played at all basketball games and gave a special performance at the Urbana game which was the Band Appreciation game from which the band received the proceeds.

This year a county band organization consisting of the bands from each school in the county, was formed. Two programs were given—one in the Wabash gym and one in the Central gym.

The climax of the year's activities is participation in the Band and Orchestra Contest.

The officers for this year were: President, Earl Grindle; Vice President, Leigh Jackson; and Librarian, Willodean Pottenger.



## Junior Band

The junior band is made up of underclassmen who are just beginning their band activities. Mr. Leckrone meets them each Thursday morning.

LEFT TO RIGHT—Patsy Hack, Joyce Ferry, Dean Cox, Lawrence Keaffaber, Michael Leckrone, Carol Littlefield, Nancy Krapp, Russell Coppes, Tommy Airgood, Dorothy Airgood, Mr. Leckrone—standing

## Majorettes

The majorettes lead the band into their various formations at the ball games. This year new white wool uniforms with gold trim were purchased and the girls added much color to the maneuvers of the band.

LEFT TO RIGHT—Virginia Brandenburg, Mary Louise Clark, Norma Miller, Janet Metzger.





# Girls' Glee Club

All girls of the sophomore, junior and senior classes have the opportunity of membership in the Girls' Glee Club which meets three periods a week under the direction of Miss Walther. Officers elected by the group are: Liela Bechtold, President and Reporter; Dorothy Cripe, Secretary-Treasurer; Each of the thirty-one members sang a solo or in a duet as a requirement for the course.

The entire group sang for several local churches, took part in the County Music Festival, competed in the choral contest, sang at the school Christmas program and other school functions including Baccalaureate. Just before the Christmas vacation the girls spread Yuletide cheer by caroling at many homes in the community near Chester.



I—(left to right) Marily Warren, Liela Bechtold, Darletta Cox, Willodean Pottenger, Marjorie Smith, Marlene Schroll, Mary Lou Schnepp, Ann Snavelly, Lois Cunningham, Virginia Brandenburg, Coleen Warren, Martha Smith, Doris Lefforge—pianist.

II—Miss Walther, Mary Louise Orr, Marcella Tyner, Pat Schroll, Marie Betten, Janet Metzger, Betty Brandenburg, Gladys Greer, Ethel Coble, Mary Alice Colbert, Barbara Barker

III—Eva Rhoades, Dorothy Cripe, Bonnie Workman, Wanda Penrod, Dolores Grist, Joann Snell, Jean Clark, Bonnie Winebrenner.



**FIRST ROW**—(left to right) Marily Warren, Liela Bechtold, Willodean Pottenger, Bonnie Winebrenner, Martha Smith

**SECOND ROW**—Miss Walther, Pat Schroll, Dorothy Cripe, Wanda Penrod, Dolores Grist, Jean Clark, Ethel Coble, Mary Alice Colbert

**THIRD ROW**—Harmon Gradeless, Lynn Bollinger, Ted Coon, Clifford Crist, John Penrod, Donald Mosher  
Pianist—Lois Bollinger

## Mixed Chorus

Twelve girls, chosen from the girls' glee club, and six boys from the sophomore, junior, and senior classes make up the mixed chorus which meets once a week. At the beginning of the year, the group elected Lynn Bollinger, President; Dolores Crist, Secretary-Treasurer; and Pat Schroll, Reporter.

Representatives from this group sang in the All-District Chorus at the Northeastern Indiana Teachers' Association at Fort Wayne in October. The entire group participated in the All-County Vocal Festival on March 19, sang at the local Methodist church for the Lenten service, and also sang at the District Contest, and school programs, including Baccalaureate services.

# 1946-1947 School Days

## AUGUST

27-28: Enrollment Day

30: Students receive book lists.

## SEPTEMBER

2: Labor day; no school

3: First full day of school

4: Class officers elected

8: Juniors order class rings

10: Seniors select name cards and invitations.

13: Central, Chester's old rival overpowered the mighty Panthers in a baseball game 11 to 4.

17: Annual initiation of F.F.A.

20: First school paper issued.

24: Panthers overwhelm Central by score of 5 to 4.

25: Y-Teen Tea for new members.

26: Y-Teen initiation. "*Purdie, ain't they?*"

## OCTOBER

1: Hi-Y initiation. *What a sight for sore eyes!*

4: *Wonder why the seniors are all dressed up today. Yes, you guessed it! Senior pictures. Everybody smile at the birdie!*

Senior bowling party at Wabash.

11: Band concert!

14: Seventh grade party.

23: Senior play, "*A Little Honey.*"

24-25: Teachers' institute!

25: Four lucky Seniors of Chester Chatter staff go visiting to Franklin College. *Oh, what fun!*

29: Halloween Festival! *Boy, what a success!*

## NOVEMBER

1: Basketball season begins.

8: Seniors select class motto, class colors and class flower.

11: Armistice Day.

12: Pictures being taken for annual. Willodean selected as representative of the class in the D.A.R. Good Citizenship Award Contest.

15: Trojans defeat Panthers.

19: Senior pictures arrive.

21-22: Thanksgiving vacation!

27: William Powell, a magician, gives interesting convocation program. *Where did those silver dollars come from?*

30: Safety class visits foundry.

## DECEMBER

9: Our classmate, Bonnie, taken to McDonald Hospital after an appendicitis attack.

16: Members of Girls' Glee Club go caroling.

20: Christmas program in afternoon.

30: Back to school again!



## JANUARY

- 1: Four-Way Tourney at South Whitley!
- 7-8: Semester exams! *"I feel sort of sick, I know I should have studied harder."*
- 9-11: County Tourney
- 13: *Rarelings* subscription drive begins.
- 14: Wanda Penrod wins second in speech contest sponsored by Business and Professional Women.
- 29: Select candidates for Pepsi-Cola Contest.
- 31: Band resplendent with new belts, and twirlers with new uniforms.

## FEBRUARY

- 9: County Band Concert at Wabash gymnasium.
- 11: Business and Professional Women entertain senior girls at Sheller Hotel.
- 14: Valentine's Day and no vacation.

Juniors sponsor cake walk after Roann game.

- 18: Ma-Pa-Me Banquet at the First Brethren Church.
- 21: Last basketball game of the season.
- 26: Sectional Tourney starts at the Manchester College gym.

## MARCH

- 4: 4-II Banquet at Wabash.
- 7: Band Patrons' Minstrel.
- 19: County Choral Festival.

## APRIL

- 3-6: Seniors take trip to Washington, D. C.
- 10: Sophomore skating party.
- 16: Juniors present play "*Sunshine Twins*."

## MAY

- 2: Junior-Senior Reception.
- 4: Baccalaureate.
- 7: Commencement!

## Mr. and Mrs. Urschel

Mr. and Mrs. Urschel have been the faithful custodians of our building for the past ten and one-half years. Ill health is forcing them to retire this year. Both have taken an active interest in the activities at Chester and "Danny" has been a member of our Hi-Y and participated in many of our programs. Chester wishes both many happy years. Mr. and Mrs. Urschel wish to express through *Rarelings* their best wishes for the continued success of Chester.



FRONT ROW—Ted Coon, Keith Cripe, Bob Burch, Max Marburger, Herman Schannep, Billy Keaffaber, Charles Tackitt

BACK ROW—Lloyd Heeter, Paul Schanahan, Richard Heeter, Paul Baker, Clifford Faurote, Kenneth Miller, Dorsey Metzger, Derwood Hathaway, Lee Rager, Harold Cripe.

# Dairy Judging Team

The Dairy Judging Team consisting of Bill Wright, Rex Schilling, Walter Penrod, Todd Schroll and John Rohrer placed first in the county. Rex Schilling was high individual in the county.

FRONT ROW—(left to right) Walter Penrod, Rex Schilling, Todd Schroll.

II—Ralph Bolinger, Wilbur Miller, Carl Bechtold, William O. Wright, John Graahm, Gary Walters, Max Schilling.

III—Max Cunningham, Keith Cripe, John Rohrer, Richard Workman, Richard Paul, Mr. Scribner.



I—(left to right) Mr. Scribner, Ronald Metzger, Richard Little, Willis Hauptert, Bob Burch.

II—Jack Kissinger, John Penrod, Robert Little, Ralph Bolinger.



# Livestock Judging Team

The livestock judging team consisting of Willis Hauptert, Ronald Metzger, Dick Little and Robert Burch placed second in the county contest, fifth in the district and eleventh in the state. There were 16 teams in the district contest and 39 teams in the state contest.

In the state they placed third in beef cattle as a team and first in sheep judging as a team.

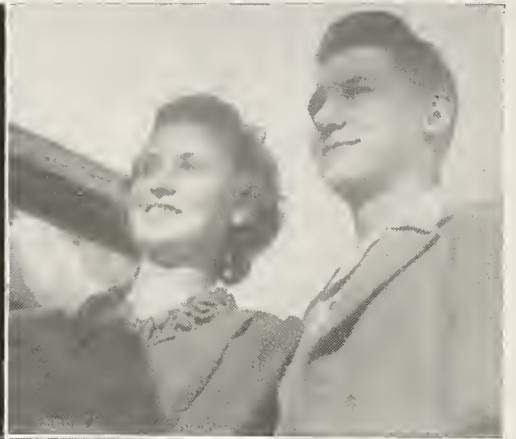
Willis Hauptert was eleventh high individual in all classes of livestock. Dick Little was second high individual in beef judging. Robert Burch was fourth high individual in horse judging. Ronald Metzger was second and Robert Burch third high in sheep judging.

In the county contest Dick Little was high individual in all classes of livestock.

In the district contest Robert Burch was third high individual in all classes of livestock.

The judging team placed first in judging sheep in the county, district, and state.



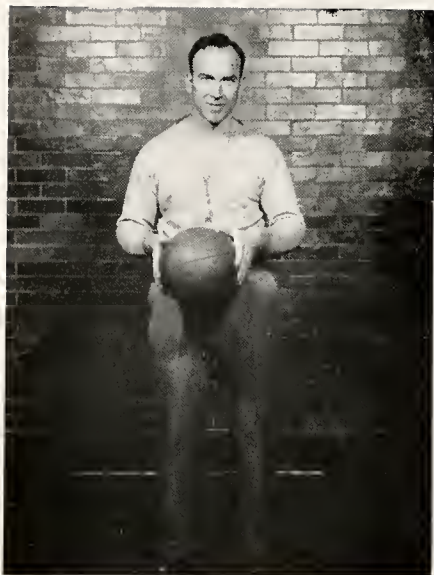


# Teamwork



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"Doe" Faudree, as his players call him, has coached the boys at Chester for four years. This year his team won 12 games and lost 7 during the season. They won the 4-way tourney by defeating Clear Creek and South Whitley. In the county tourney, the Panthers lost their first game to Chippewa. In the sectional tourney, they defeated Washington Center, Chippewa, and Lafontaine and lost to Central in the final game in a double overtime.

FIRST ROW DOWN—Dick Frantz, Bob Johnson, Fred Martin

SECOND ROW DOWN—Max Lefforge, Willis Hauptert, Don Hyde, Harmon Gradeless

THIRD ROW DOWN—John Morford, Bob Little

FOURTH ROW DOWN—Jack Pullin Dick Piper,

"Pete" Faudree coached the Jr. Hi and Freshman basketball teams. His Jr. Hi won 6 and lost 2 games. He also coached the high school track and the baseball teams. Illness prevented his coaching the baseball team the latter part of the season, during which time his brother took over these duties.









## The Student Managers

Todd Schroll and Bob Miller were selected by the first team to serve as student managers during basketball season. Their job was to attend practices, clean the balls, take care of equipment and act as errand boys for the coach.

## Basketball Schedule

	<i>We</i>	<i>They</i>
LaFontaine	42	30
Linlawn	29	32
Clear Creek	47	28
Central	30	45
Laketon	47	28
Sidney	46	38
Lagro	59	35
Bippus	44	10
Silver Lake	40	51
Laketon	60	33
Akron	37	42
Central	28	39
Urbana	61	46
Pierceton	43	54
Roann	40	37
South Whitley	43	42

### SECTIONAL TOURNEY

Washington Center	53	35
Chippewa	40	29
LaFontaine	38	18
Central ( <i>double overtime</i> )	34	36

### COUNTY TOURNEY

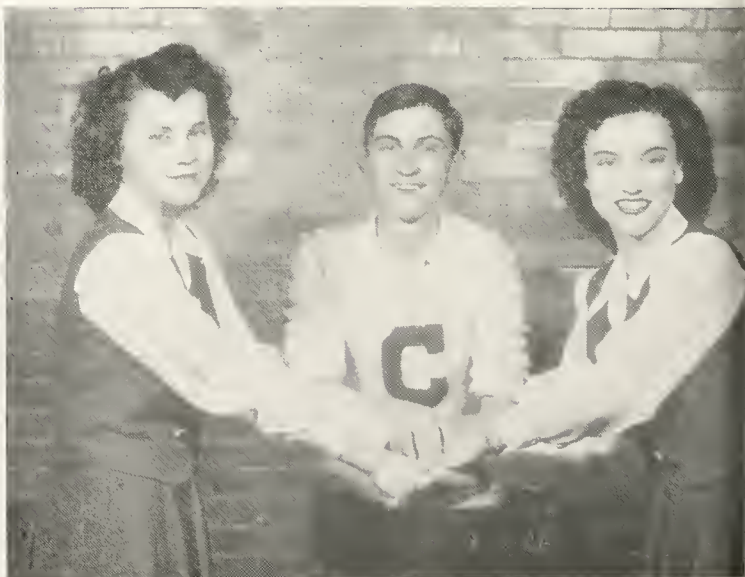
Chippewa	32	40
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### 4-WAY TOURNEY

Clear Creek	56	31
South Whitley	39	37

## Yell Leaders

Chester's colorful yell leaders, Jean Clark, Earl Grindle and Dorothy Cripe, were chosen by the student body to lead yells at the ball games. Win or lose, they always had a yell to encourage the team.





# Second Team



**FRONT**—(left to right) Todd Schroll, Richard Reiff, Danny Jo Fulton, Bob Miller

**SECOND ROW**—Carl Bechtold, Theron Rupley, Ralph Bolinger, Donald Mosher, Richard Workman, Tom McClure

**BACK ROW**—Lloyd Reiken, Wayne Clark, Bruce Pottenger, Tom Dillman, June Hanley, Joe Baker, John Rohrer.

## Freshman Team

**FRONT**—(left to right) Keith Cripe, Richard Reiff, Danny Jo Fulton, Max Schilling, Tom McClure, Max Bucher, James Morrissey—Student Manager

**SECOND**—Ralph Bolinger, Kenneth Bucher, Herbert Ferry, Richard Workman, John Rohrer, Mr. Paul Faudree.



## Junior High Team

**ROW I**—Ben Wright, Derwood Coe, Max Richards, Lester Williams, Norman Chamberlain, William Helvey, Jimmy Morrissey

**ROW II**—Richard Penn, Jim Hammond, Paul Myers, Harold Frieden, Morris Poer, Dick Brown, Paul Faudree





# Baseball

This year the baseball squad attempted to carry on the unprecedented record of the past two years. The team of 1945 had an undefeated season of eight victories. County championships were won in both '44 and '45.

The 1946 edition of the Panthers won four games while losing two. The outstanding game was the defeat of Central and the highlight of the game was Piper's stealing home on Ziegler's wind-up. Jack Pullin's withdrawal from the squad requiring a new infielder, and Mouser's curve ball made the team jittery and they failed to beat Roann in the final game. Thus they lost a chance to tie for the championship.



IN FRONT—(left to right) Danny Jo Fulton, Tom McClure

ROW I—Mike Cornwell, Arthur Grindle, Jack Pullin, Fred Martin, Robert Metzger, Bob Johnson, Max Lefforge, Dick Piper

ROW II—Roger Grossnickle, Bob Little, John Morford, June Hanley, Mr. Paul Faudree, Don Mosher, Don Hyde, Dick Frantz, Charles Tackitt.

HOME				AWAY			
Chester	7	Laketon	5	Chester	5	Central	11
Chester	5	Roann	1	Chester	15	Laketon	12
Chester	5	Central	4	Chester	4	Roann	8
			Total	41			
					Total		
						41	

# Track

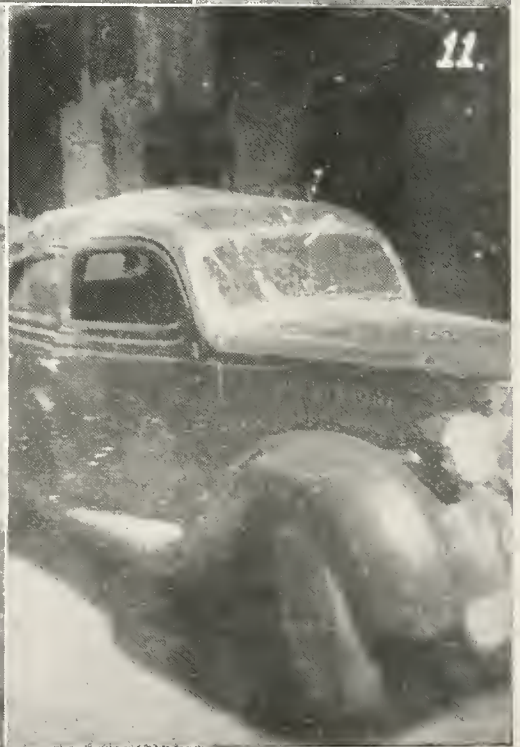
The 1946 track season was opened with an interclass meet which was won by the seniors.

With only a handful of lettermen on the squad, the team lost four of its six meets. The competition was very tough, however. Among the competing schools were Wabash, Piercetown, South Whitley, Larwill and Huntington. The boys reached their peak in the county meet which was held the last day of school. The results were: Chester 97; Central 19; Laketon 45.

The 1947 squad was without the services of such excellent performers as Herman Oney, Buford Baker, Max Coblentz, Leon Frantz, Joe Ebbinghouse, Joe Piper, and Todd Enyeart. Oney had won the "Most Valuable in Track" award for two consecutive years during which time he lost only two races.









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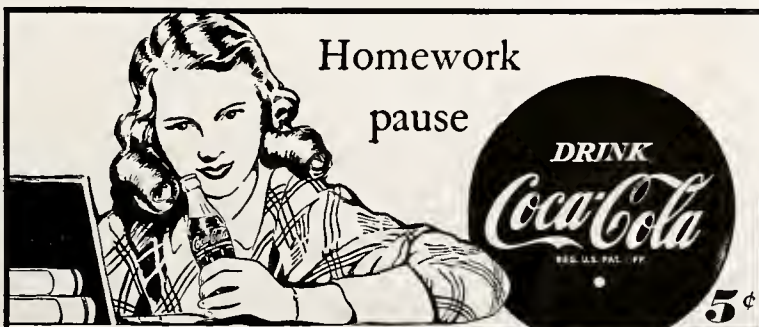
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